

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing claim amendments prior to issuance of the patent.

Upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance, the Applicant reviewed the claims in the application and noted that minor clarifications are needed, which are now being addressed by the above amendments.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the present amendment pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 714.16, submitting that the amendments to the claims address formal matters without changing the scope thereof. Specifically, the Applicant submits that the amendments are needed for proper protection of the invention, and the claim amendments require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the USPTO.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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